Local organisations and services for homeless people or those at risk of homelessness

YMCA Ripon provides the following types of housing:
We work with other agencies and have a robust application process to identify suitable tenants.

We do not provide emergency accommodation for homeless people or those in crisis. Our office is generally open on Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Supported Housing

Aiming to support young people move from dependence to independence

Normally funded through Housing Benefit our Supported Housing helps young people between the ages of 18 to 30 to develop skills, engage with work, education or training and become independent.

General Needs Housing

Providing a safe and secure place to live

We charge a General Needs rent with most bills included for 18 to 30 year olds to have a place to stay. They may need somewhere short term after a relationship break-up or want to live independently.

How can you help if you see someone sleeping on the street?

If you see someone who is begging, sleeping on the street, in a car or tent, or needs housing support you can offer a variety of information. It's important to be respectful and appreciate their wants and needs without judgement.

Immediate help:

Be kind and ask – Is there anything you need right now? Can I get you some food or water?

Do you need any supplies? Can I get you some socks, gloves, toiletries or period products. Do you need any phone credit or a bus?

It's probably not the best idea to give someone money if you don't know them.

YMCA have some spare sleeping bags, blankets, warm hats and socks for those in need, as do Holy Trinity Church, Community House, Ripon Cathedral and Ripon Library.

The leisure centre has facilities for a shower or wash.

Advice and information – "Do you know about the services who may be able to help? Have you been in touch with any services? Do you want me to contact them for you?"

Please avoid - Making assumptions or trying to over help. Often people know that services are available and have used them. There are many barriers and reasons why people may choose not to engage with those services.

How else can you help?

- Volunteer your time or fundraise for a local homeless organisation
- Donate to your local food bank or community food provision
- Support places that offer warm spaces
- Find out about your local homeless organisations

Harrogate Homeless Project

Harrogate Homeless project operate a number of projects to support people off the street including:

- Springboard Day Centre supporting people living on the street
- Emergency overnight accommodation
- Short term secure accommodation, expertise and planning to identify long term accommodation

www.harrogate-homeless-project.org.uk or 01423 566900

North Yorkshire Council

The Housing Options team at the Council have a duty to support all homeless people, or those who may become homeless within 56 days, with support and guidance.

16 to 25 years olds can call the HUB team who work with a range of partners to identify solutions for young people who are at risk of homelessness or are vulnerable.

To access the Housing Team inside or outside of office hours phone: 0300 131 2131

NY Council Severe Weather Protocol

In the event of freezing temperatures or extreme weather events SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol) is activated.

Emergency accommodation is available to everyone even if they are not eligible for the usual council services and housing.

Streetlink

This national agency is available for anyone to report a person sleeping rough. Streetlink work with local outreach teams to locate people and offer support.

www.thestreetlink.org.uk or 0300 500 0914

Ripon Community House

Emergency Food Parcels are available through a referral process from a trusted local organisation or professional.
They also hold information and guidance about warm spaces and other food provision locally.
foodsupport@riponcommunityhouse.co.uk
01765 603631

Other support organisations:

Police – Dial 999 if you are at immediate risk

Shelter - Provide housing advice and support. 8am to 8pm free help line call 0808 8004444

Samaritans – If you are feeling low and need to talk. 24 hour free number 116123

Childline – If you are under 19 you can talk to trained counsellors about any issue. Free 24 hour number 08001111

Citizens Advice and Law Centre – Can advise on a variety of issues including benefits, housing and debt: 0808 278 7900
www.cany.org.uk

Papyrus Prevention of Young Suicide – 24 hour free HOPELINE247 0800 068 4141

For the most up to date copy of this leaflet please visit
www.riponymca.org/housing

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YMCA Ripon is a local independent Charity and Housing Association

We support young adults who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or are vulnerable alongside providing opportunities for young people in our local community.

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